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SUBJECT: SYRIAN INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF US MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT

1. LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT CONLEY HAS JUST INFORMED RCAA OF CALL FROM SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES CHAIRMAN MOUKAYED. MOUKAYED, WHO IS A GENERAL IN SYRIAN AIR FORCE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR FORCE PROCUREMENT, REQUESTED CONLEY MEET HIM IN DAMASCUS 10:30 AM, APRIL 30, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT AND EARLY DELIVERY OF C130H HERCULES MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES.

2. CONLEY FULLY AWARE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH MILITARY SALES TO SYRIA BUT PLANS TO MEET MOUKAYED AND HEAR HIM OUT. (AS IS KNOWN, LOCKHEED ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING SUBSTANTIAL SALE TRISTARS FOR CIVIL AIR USE.) WE HAVE ADVISED HIM TO CALL ON SCOTES PRIOR TO MEETING, WHICH HE WILL DO.

3. SYRIAN INTEREST IN US MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES (OR SYRIAN THINKING THAT DEVELOPMENTS ARE SUCH THAT US AUTHORIZATION OF SALE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT MIGHT BECOME FEASIBLE) OBVIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT. WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE THEREFORE FOR SOME
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OF CONLEY'S VISIT. GODLEY

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